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THE DOCTORS KEPT BUSY

Sickness Unusually Prevalent in Washington.

HEAVY CLOTHING ADVISABLE

The weather is causing many people to contract coughs and colds. The sensible ones are protecting themselves with heavy suits and overcoats.

It isn't worth while putting off buying a heavier suit and paying doctors in doctors' bills as a consequence. It's "peevy" to be an "old fool." It isn't as if you had to have the cash in your hand, because you can get all the credit you want at the Great Providers, so there is no earthly reason for delay.

And if there are many reasons for buying now, comfort, style, safeguard against pneumonia.

It is not true that you pay more buying that way.

The Great Providers' prices will prove that.

In fact you can't find such big clothing bargains anywhere, as at the big double store and annex, 415-417 Seventh street.

You can have your clothing purchases charged on the same account as your furniture.

Of course you buy your furniture there. Ladies' coats and capes—hundreds of them—the most approved styles, the most fascinating effects.

The big double store is open till 10.30 tonight.

BROOKLYN A BANKRUPT CITY

Five Thousand Employees Have Not Been Paid Salaries.

Comptroller Says It Will Be a Lasting Disgrace to Enter as a Borrower With Old Debts Unpaid.

New York, Dec. 4.—It is probable that the 5,000 employees of Brooklyn, drawing \$500,000 a month in salaries, will be made unpaid until consolidation with New York has been effected. There is money in the city treasury to pay the salaries for November of the firemen, policemen and clerks, although some of the higher officials have been paid. Unless there is a change in the situation, none will receive salaries this month.

At the city hall it was estimated that the city had about \$2,250,000 in the various banks of deposit with which to meet its obligations between now and January 1. It is supposed that Brooklyn must look for aid to the payment of other debts, but the city authorities are hopeful that the board of auditors will permit the transfer of an extended balance at its meeting on Monday so as to provide a fund for the payment of salaries.

"It will be a lasting disgrace," Comptroller Palmer said, "if the fact should go forth to the entire country that Brooklyn is unable to pay its employees just as its fiscal life is closing. The failure to pay will affect many persons and cause great hardship. While I regret it, I do not see what can be done to prevent it. Men say to me that I should not bother or concern myself, because the responsibility for the condition that has arisen. This is undoubtedly true, but at the same time I am concerned. Nothing during my term of office has worried me as much as this has."

If it should turn out that the aldermen make no transfer to the salaries account on Monday to expedite payments it is probable that a suit will be instituted by some employee to test the city's right to withhold what is due. The situation is completely furthered by the fact that if the transfers are effected citizens to whom money is due for other than manual or clerical power, will sue for the retention of the funds in which they are interested just as they are.

The plain truth is that the city finances have been unskillfully managed. The city treasury is unable to meet its obligations. Brooklyn for years suffered under a stringent law for the collection of arrears of taxes, and many property owners labor under the belief that the arrears act will not be effective in the greater city. Consequently they have omitted to pay their taxes, with the result that collections have fallen off materially.

Hitherto it has been the custom to meet city obligations due about this time by the issue of short term bonds to be met by the tax levy. This course is not considered advisable this year, as the total amount of the levy must be turned over to the greater city authorities, thus insuring no taxation in Brooklyn at all next year. In Brooklyn it has been the custom to anticipate expenditures, while New York pays as it goes.

YALE WINS THE DEBATE.

The Contest Was Presided Over by Chancellor M. Depew.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 4.—By the unanimous decision of the three judges Yale won the tenth annual debate with Harvard here last night. The question was "Resolved, That the Hawaiian Islands should be annexed to the United States."

Yale took the negative. Chancellor M. Depew presided, and the judges were J. J. McCook, Prof. Butler and William B. Hornbaker, all of New York.

Seated in the audience were Snowflakes. New York, Dec. 4.—Rose Llewellyn, a girl of sixteen, who but a few months ago came to this city from Brazil, went insane when she saw snowflakes falling today. The girl is the daughter of wealthy Americans now residing in that country, and had come up here for the first time in her life to visit friends. She had never seen snow before and thought the world was coming to an end when the snowy flakes began to fall. She was removed to a private sanitarium.

Arrival of Steamers.

New York, Dec. 4.—Arrived, steamer St Paul from Southampton, Steamer Phoenix from Hamburg.

With Every Bottle of "Hoegaarden" Beer you drink your share of our profits. Our dividends go into the new kettle. A. B. & Drury, brewers, 25th and F.

50c for the Best Hotbed Sash Made.

Two kinds: slip glass or putty; your choice.

THE IMPERIALIST CAUSE

Strengthened by the Situation in Austro-Hungary.

A CHANCE FOR THE POWERS

They Can Now Prove the Sincerity of Their Avowed Desire for International Fair-Dealing—China Asks an Arbitration of Her Dispute With Germany.

London, Dec. 4.—The prediction made in this budget last Saturday that the Reichsrath would prove a slow to popularity was almost immediately fulfilled. The full results of the Vienna disturbances are even yet to be realized.

Already the sittings of the Austrian Parliament have been suspended for an indefinite period and imperial decree has been substituted for legislation. There is martial law in Prague, and the government of Austro-Hungary is today more an absoluteism than it has been in fifty years. The imperialists in Germany and elsewhere feel that their cause is strengthened.

The powers are now confronted with an opportunity to prove the sincerity of their avowed desire for international fair dealing. Big, helpless China asks an arbitration of her dispute with Germany.

Russia, to whom she first appealed, having declined to give her moral support.

While Germany naturally seeks satisfaction for her slaughtered missionaries, China is restive under the apparent general European design of flitting choice sections of her territory. As all the powers, including Japan, are covetous of China, they will probably ignore her plea, while they continue to abstract and divide her empire. Germany demands a whole province for two missionaries, while Bismarck talks of "American arrogance."

London cables tell marvellous tales of American newspaper enterprise. They announce a great filibustering expedition to Cuba under newspaper auspices, designed to bring on war and give the insurgents freedom. The Evening News yesterday printed a paragraph about it.

All the great schemes which were brought forward at the time of the Queen's jubilee are now dead and buried. Imperial fever, closer union of the empire and all the rest of it, come to nothing. All that remains of the jubilee is the remembrance of a great spectacle and a few unpaid bills. The versatile Chamberlain is covering up the wreck of his "New Statesman" plans by discussing abstract problems.

In Greece a bitter struggle, and one more hopeless than that with the Turks, is going on. Debts old and new, heavy burdens from the war, a discredited administration, and a disgraced army are a few of her woes. Her only satisfaction is that the Most Sublime Porte is also a suppliant under the sign of the three balls.

FRENCH MILITARY SECRETS

Court-Martial to Investigate the Charges Against Esterhazy.

So Decided by Gen. Sausserie, Military Governor of Paris—Based on Reports of Gen. Pellieux.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Gen. Sausserie, military governor of Paris, has decided that the charges against Count Esterhazy of having been implicated in the betrayal of French military secrets to a foreign government, for which he is now serving a life sentence of imprisonment, shall be investigated by a court-martial.

This decision is presumably based upon the report made to Gen. Sausserie by Gen. Pellieux, who has been conducting an inquiry into the charges made against Count Esterhazy by Mathieu Dreyfus, Capt. Dreyfus' brother. It was only a day or two ago that Esterhazy petitioned Gen. Pellieux to order a trial of the charges against him by court-martial.

THE SPANISH BUNCO GAME.

Now It Is Attempted in the Town of Fredericksburg, Va.

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 4.—A prominent business man of this city has received letters from Barcelona, Spain, which probably come from a gang of street swindlers, who, it is said, have tried their operations on business men in many of the large cities. The letters are long, and are signed by one J. Brando. In substance they say that the signer was a captain in the Spanish army, and accompanied to this country with 400,000 francs in French banknotes.

On arriving here he was notified of his daughter's illness at her college, at Toledo, Spain, and immediately returned, carrying with him a chart of the plot where he had buried the money, which, he writes, is near this city.

He was immediately arrested on his way and thrown into prison. He now offers the gentleman in question one-half of the treasure if he will send him \$1,000 with which to pay his daughter's expenses to this country and secure his trunk, containing the plot, which has been seized for his daughter's board bill at the college.

The letters are skillfully and well written, and inclosed with them is an affidavit from the commander of the military prison at Barcelona, a certified board bill from the college and newspaper clippings describing "the best and most important."

The same swindle was attempted here some time ago, but was promptly exposed by The Times.

The Latest Trial Panel.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Adolph L. Luedwig probably will be facing a jury of twelve men on the charge of murder next Monday. Eight of the number have been chosen. It is expected that the panel will be made up today and the taking of testimony commenced Monday morning after the opening statements of counsel.

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TORN DOWN FIVE DWELLINGS.

Unpaid Workmen Demolished Them and Sold the Lumber.

THORN TAKEN TO SING SING

In Solitary Confinement in the Death House.

THE WATCH PLACED OVER HIM

Left New York at 7 o'clock This Morning, and After a Two Hours Journey Reached the Cell From Which He Goes to Death—Love Letters From Foolish Women.

OLD AGE OF BIDDY HINES.

ACTIVE WORK FOR DREYFUS

Prominent Hebrews in New York and Others Interested.

Fund Being Raised in His Behalf. Earnest Assertions of His Loyalty to France.

New York, Dec. 4.—Hebrew society, rabbis and prominent congregations in this city have taken up the campaign in behalf of Capt. Albert Dreyfus, the imprisoned French army officer. Capt. Dreyfus, as is well known, is a Hebrew, and so convinced are the leading members of his race in this city of his innocence that they have raised a fund with which to help obtain his release.

Sermons are being preached in his behalf every Saturday at the various synagogues here, and in some of them a weekly prayer is issued for his deliverance. Mr. Jacob Schiff, the prominent banker, has given a check for \$150,000 to the Young Men's Hebrew Association to be distributed to various charitable organizations, when Capt. Dreyfus shall again be a free man.

A representative of the Hebrew societies of this city is to be sent to France in order to obtain certain documents, the existence of which has become known to a prominent New York rabbi, and to place the same before the French authorities. These documents, it is claimed, will show conclusively that Dreyfus has always been a true and loyal Frenchman. Rabbi Gottlieb, one of the most prominent Hebrew preachers in this city, in speaking of the unfortunate captain, said: "France has always been a staunch friend of the Hebrews. It is, therefore, the duty of every Hebrew throughout the world to assist in establishing the innocence of the one man of our race who now wears the finger of dishonor which has been put on him."

Not only Hebrews, but prominent men of all sects have contributed to the fund in Dreyfus' behalf. Pamphlets are being issued, calling upon everybody to "refuse this greatest crime of the century." It is said that an affidavit, fixing the guilt upon another, made by a released French soldier, in the hands of the commission who is going to represent the cause in France. It is also rumored that in case the French government wants the testimony of the released soldier verbally, he is ready to go over to the other side. A discreet silence is being maintained upon the subject, but through the appeal for all the above facts have leaked out.

TRIAL JUDGE PUGGA COURT.

Policemen Found Off Their Best Eating Oysters.

Miss Bradley the Sponsor. Secretary Long Settles the Triangular Kentucky Dispute.

THE EFFECT OF THE OPEN LETTER TO MISS RICHARDSON CLAIMING RIGHT TO CHRISTEN THE WARSHIP.

THE VERY ANGRY TRIANGULAR DISPUTE BETWEEN MISS RICHARDSON, OF KENTUCKY, AND THE NAVY DEPARTMENT, AND GOV. BRADLEY OF KENTUCKY, HAS BEEN SETTLED SUMMARILY BY SECRETARY LONG.

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MR. MCKENNA'S POSITION

It Has Not Actually Been Tendered Governor Griggs.

PRESIDENT IS FAVORABLE

Premature Publication of His Preference May Cause Mr. McKinley to Bring Forward Another Name, Talks With Two Cabinet Officers, Secretary Porter's Comment.

A gentleman of prominence, who enjoys to a considerable extent the confidence of President McKinley, is authority for the statement that the Attorney General has not actually been tendered to Gov. Griggs. He says that the President has been most favorably inclined and probably had fully determined upon his selection, but the premature publication of the matter possibly result in bringing new names to the front.

Some of the best-posted New Jersey politicians state that when Gov. Griggs left Washington it was with the practical understanding he could have the place if he wanted it. He had the influence and backing of both Vice President Hobart and Senator Sewell, and even now they are said to feel quite confident the governor will be the successor of Mr. McKenna.

Should it work out this way, Gov. Griggs would not enter the Cabinet until the middle of January. He cannot tender his resignation to the New Jersey legislature until it assembles on the second Tuesday in that month.

Secretary Porter says he knows nothing of the newspaper reports that the place had been tendered Gov. Griggs, but expressed the hope that it was true, and that he would accept.

A Cabinet officer told The Times today that last Wednesday the name of Gov. Griggs was mentioned at the Cabinet meeting with several others, but that the President did not indicate that he was considering seriously over it. There is no significant fact developed, and that is that the President will not send in the name of Mr. McKenna's successor until that official has been described according to their present understanding.

Another member of the Cabinet said that the President had made up his mind that the West could not be left out of the Cabinet altogether, and for this reason, his minister believes, the Attorney General will be selected from some State west of the Mississippi. It is known that the President has under advisement several names from that section.

MISS BRADLEY THE SPONSOR

Secretary Long Settles the Triangular Kentucky Dispute.

The Effect of the Open Letter to Miss Richardson Claiming Right to Christen the Warship.

The very angry triangular dispute between Miss Richardson, of Kentucky, and the Navy Department, and Gov. Bradley of Kentucky, has been settled summarily by Secretary Long. He himself delivered the ultimatum and appointed the daughter of the governor of Kentucky.

The governor, according to the most recent usage had the right to suggest whom he pleased for appointment, and it was understood that he would have appointed Miss Bradley. The open letter of Miss Richardson was the apple which discord threw among the three celebrated women about a year ago. Gov. Bradley fell hurt at the notoriety given the affair and declined to act.

The Secretary of the Navy, with a keen sense of the proprieties, came to the rescue and has done what is regarded as the gallant and proper thing.

The only thing now in dispute is whether ex-Secretary Herbert is entitled to any further bottles of Kentucky whisky. This question may eventually be settled by Commodore Watson, the expert on rectitude.

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